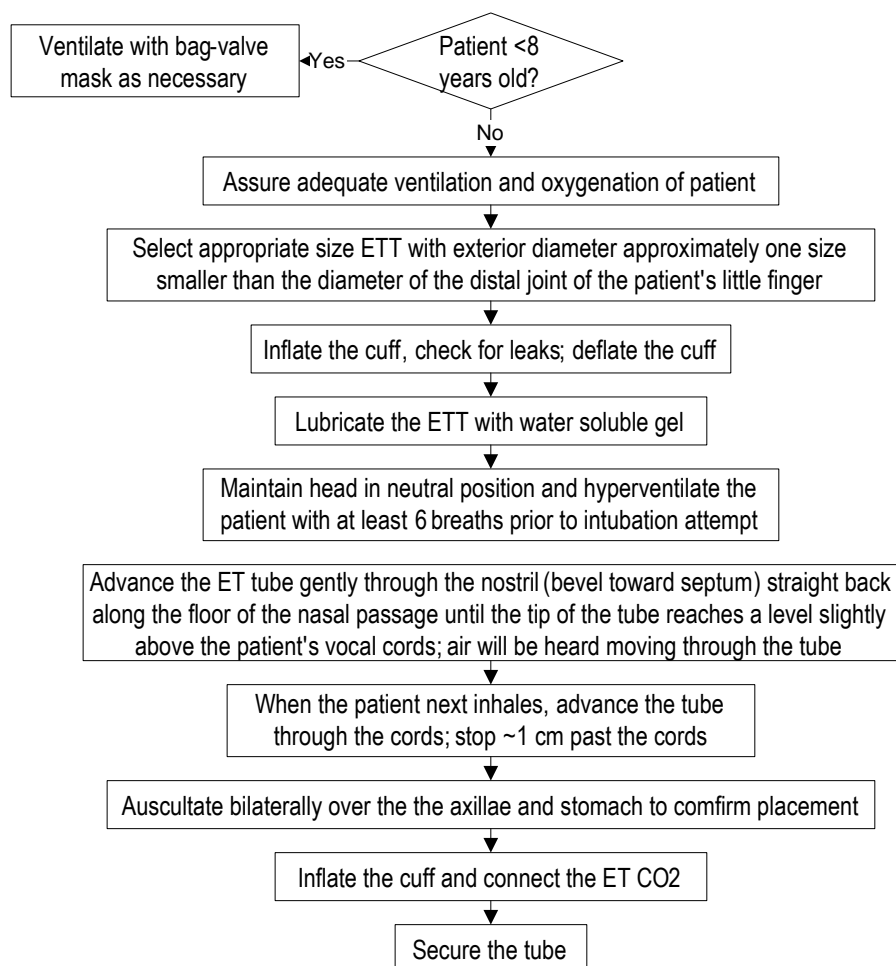


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
NASOTRACHEAL INTUBATION**

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Purpose: To provide positive control of an airway, especially in patients with some respiratory effort, who have a suspected C-spine injury, an intact gag reflex, or whose mouth cannot be opened To facilitate assisted ventilation in a patient with inadequate respirations		Indications: Patients in severe respiratory distress Conscious patients unable to protect own airway Apnea or inadequate respiratory effort	
Advantages: Positive control of the airway Prevents aspiration Facilitates ventilation Provides route for administration of selected medications Facilitates suctioning No need to manipulate C-spine Better tolerated by conscious patient	Disadvantages: Requires special training and equipment Cannot be used on pediatric patients under 8 years of age due to anatomy of the airway	Complications: Airway trauma Misplacement Esophageal placement causes hypoxia Potential for simple or tension pneumothorax Gastric dilatation Epistaxis	Contraindications: Basilar skull fracture Major facial trauma Laryngospasm



NOTES:

- Limit the intubation attempts to no longer than 10 seconds. Abort the attempt at that time and hyperventilate the patient. Repeat the attempt.